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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

FIRST STAGE OF GREAT BATTLE.

MAGNIFICET STILL MAINTAIN BRITISH TROOPS RESISTANCE.

GERMANS CLAIM CAPTURE OF PERONNE, THIRTY THOUSAND PRISONERS AND SIX HUNDRED GUNS.

London, Murch 23.

heights to the north and north-west of Groisilles and penetrated the second position between Fontaine-les-Croisilles and Moenvres. We. captured Vaulx Vraucourt and Morchies and also heights to the west of Gonzascourt, Haudicourt and Villerafaucon.

We stormed Roisel and Murquaix and encureled the Epshy heights from the north and south and drove back strong counterattacks.

We stormed heights to the north of Vermand. The enamy evacuated positions south-west of Cambrai and we pursued him scross Demicourt, Fleequieres and Rib court.

We crossed the heights of Savy and Roupy and also broke through south of the Somme and drove the enemy over the Crozit Canal. Jasgers crossed the Oise and stormed heights west of La Fere.

The prisoners hitherto have been 25,000 and we have captured 400 guns, and 300 machine gans.

British Falling Back in Excellent Order.

London, March 23.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says: There is now no doubt that the Germans are making their suprems effort against the British. Fifty enemy Divi- confirmed that the Kaiser has staked all on the present offensive, figures of tonnage now in or bound for Datch ports. sions have already been flong into the battle whilst there are pro- hoping to secure for the dynasty the glory of the victory he expects. bably twenty-five more in close reserve. The Garmans are crushing on regardless of the cost. Under the tremendous onslaught, our troops in many places are very slowly falling back, voluntarily and in excellent order, so as to maintain an unbroken front to the dense enemy masses.

Yesterday and throughout the night the battlefront continued to extend continuards. I hear that the French are now engaged on our right. There is most intense fighting around Roisel and Tincourt where, with indomitable valour, every foot is being contested.

The slaughter of the enemy is appalling. Twelve times did every available gun in this area concentrate upon the solid massed bodies of Germans. Our airmen are weary with emptying machine drums and bombs into dense grey assemblies and are returning for has shattered his last legions against the impregnable British wall." more amminition to enable them to repeat the operation.

To the north, the enemy is pressing hard upon the defenders. At Hermies they got into Mory, but a most dashing counter-attack news calls the country to the greatest moral uprising drove them out and a large party were surrounded and probably captured. The scenes of activity behind the battlefront baffla detcription, but everywhere there is the same well-ordered organisation and quiet confidence. The weather remains wonderfully fine, although visibility is somewhat hampered by local ground mists.

First Stage Ended.

London, March 23. A German official wireless message says that the first stage of the great battle has ended. We won engagements near Monchy. Cambrai, St. Quentin, and La Fere. A considerable part of the English Army is beaten. We are fighting approximately on a line north-east of Banama, Perrone and Ham. ...

Work of the Aeroplanes,

London, March 23. morning mist yesterday prevented our aeroplanes leaving the ground strategic purpose. The news comes out of the thunderous vortex during the early part of the day. When the mist cleared, serial in disjointed scraps and is difficult to piece together." activity became very great. The enemy's low-flying machines were | At 10.30 in the morning the enemy was advancing in great particularly active in machine-gunning our forward troops. The masses both north and south towards ot. Leger. At 11.15, dense enemy's massed troops offered good targets to our low-flying aero- columns were reported to be marching from I aguicourt down the planes. The location of large bodies of troops and transport were Bapaume-Lagnicourt Road through Vaulx Vraucourt, In the afterreported by our machines to the artillery and successfully engaged; noon, bodies of cavalry were seen moving down the Ham-Metigny. Eight-and-a-half tons of bombs were dropped on hostile railway and Ham-St. Quentin Roads, and it is remoured that some infantry stations near the battlefront, and also on billets, high velocity guns, have crossed the Somme Capal. If this is correct, it suggests that troops and transports. Almost all the combate took place between the Germans are attempting a turning movement, pivoting on Ham, Arras and St. Quantin. We brought down twenty-seven, drove in which case, owing to the masses at their disposal, the situation down twenty and our sufficient guns shot down three machines. here may prove less promising than along the rest of the line of Eight of ours are missing. Our night-fliers dropped fourteen tons withdrawal. Meanwhile, the weather remains brilliant. The terof bombs on billets and damps in areas where the enemy's attack- rible slaughter of enemy hordes continues from the ground and air. ing troops were concentrated. All of our machines returned.

The Great Gallantry of Our Troops.

London, March 24. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports :- The battle is continuing with the greatest intensity along the whole front south of the Scarpe River. Our troops have taken up their new positions south and west of St. Quentin and are heavily engaged with the enemy. Strong hostile attacks during the night in the neighbourhood of Jassy were repulsed with great enemy loss.

On the northern portion of the battlefront, the enemy's attacks were pressed with the utmost determination, regardless of the losses. Our troops have maintained their positions on the greater part of this front after a fierce and prolonged struggle. Great gallantry was shown by the troops engaged in fighting in this area and to the south. The Nineteenth and Ninth Divisions have distinguished themselves by the valour of their defence. In one sector, there were six stracks, in two of which German cavalry participated. These were beaten off by one of our infantry brigades. The enemy's attacks continue with great violence.

Big German Claims.

London, March 24. A German official wireless message claims the capture of Peronne and that the prisoners taken have increased to 30,000 and the guns to 600,

Sir Douglas Haig's Congratulations.

London, March 24. The Press Bureau announces that Field Marchal Sir Douglas Hair on March 21, telegraphed to the Generals of the Third and Fifth Armies, congratulating the troops on their splendid defence, wait saying that he relies on their continued steadisatness and valous to crush this new attack and with it the enemy's last hope of

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

FIRST STAGE OF GREAT BATTLE.

The German Plan Miscarries.

London, March 24 Benter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, wiring on Siturday evening, says that captured copies of the German plan the offensive show that the enemy objectives were: - First day, penetration of the whole front to a depth eight kilometres; escond day, penetration to a farther depth twelve kilometres; and third day, beyond which the scheme does not appear to be carried. twenty kilomatres. The success attained hitherto falls much short A German wireless official message states: We stormed of these objectives. The captured machine-gans include some that are identified as having been used in the Balkans last year.

An enemy attempt to cross the Somme by means of four bridges, which were thrown across last night, was detected and frustrated with great loss by our artillery. All the roads on which the Germans advanced are blocked by columns of troops; and guns and transport, targets on which we are making deadly play. Bough estimates of the casualties infloted vary between 30 and 50 per cent, of all the divisions hitherto identified, but I give the figures for what they may be worth. They are probably based mainly on prisoners' statements.

Special Prayers.

London, March 24. The Archbishop of Canterbury has ordered special prayers in all the Churches on behalf of the Army and the righteons cause for which we are fighting.

The Kalser in Command. 12

London, March 24. For the first time this year, a German communique gesterday described the Kaiser as commanding the battle, while the captures

The situation is viewed most seriously in Landon, but in no wise pessimistically." That the British line would bend was expected, but confidence is felt that it will not break. The losses which the Germana claimed to have inflicted are not regarded as out of proportion to what was to be expected in such a vast conflict.

The Sunday Times says: - The German military casts are out for victory, even if to gain it they must destroy the prople to whom its fruits have been promised. They must continue to fing fresh divisions into the blood bath, for the simple reason that they must have daily successes to chronicle, but, with time on our side and fewer troops to meet, our generals may reasonably conor on holding enough reserves to deal a ornshing counter-stroke when Hindenburg The Observer says: There is nothing in the figures mentioned

by the enemy to shake the nerve of the nation, but stern numbers and munitions must be met in the conflict. Toe nation must take the last ounce out of itself during the next few months."

A Surpreme Test.

London, March 23. Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, telegraph. ing in the afternoon, says :- We are confident that the Germans' tremendons, but probably despairing, effict will fail, but the tost is a supreme one. Further-more our soldiers, rightly or wrongly, feel that they are engaged in the last great battle of the war and are thus stiff-ning their will to excrifice to a degree "inexpressibly magnificant. The enemy's greatest pressure is against the desolate tracts across which the Germans retreated after the battles of the Somme. Here neither tactical nor territorial gains can be of much value, but for possible spectacular motives be desires to claim that Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports on aviation :- A thick he has retrieved his former losses as outweighing a more definite

No Material Change.

Field Marshal Sir Dauglas Haig reports :- There has been no material change in the battlefront during the night, though further fighting has occurred at a number of points. We are holding a line from the Somme River to Peroppe. Small parties of the enemy endeavoured to cross in the neighbourhood of Pargny, but were driven back." We sre in touch on our right with the French.

North of the Simme River, our troops at Peronce held their position after beating off a number of attacks at different portions on this front during the early part of the night. Heavy fighting must still be expected.

The French Front.

London, March 24 A French, communique says: There are artillery actions. sometimes violent, south of the Oise in the region of Rheims, and in Lorraine between Hanacourt and the Vosges. An enemy coup de main at Hirizlach, in Upper Alsace, broke down under our fire.

An Attempted Surprise Attack. Loudon, March 24.

A French communique sistes :-- After a violent bombardmen!, the enemy unsuccessfully attempted a surprise strack to the south of Javincourt. There is somewhat lively artillery firing in the regions of Bois le Pretre, in the Vosges, and pear La Fontenelle and Hartmannswerlerkopf.

AMERICA'S SELF-DENIAL.

London, March 24 Beuter's correspondent at Weshington says that in order to furnish the Allies with necessary wheat till the harvest, the Food Administration has ordered the American consemption to be reduced by one half.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTION.

A Baseless Fear.

London, March 23. According to Lieuter's correspondent at the Hague, an American Legation communication to the Press says the fear that the requisitirned Dutch ships are permanently lost to the Dutch flag is baseless. The United States has not taken any title to the ships under the Promident's Proplamation, but merely their temporary use. Liberal chartering rates will be paid and the ships will be returned on the termination of the present emergency, not later than the end of the war. The United States assumes all war and marine risks, and in the event of loss by enemy action in the wat wone, the owners will be given the option of receiving payment of the value of the vessel or of having the vessel replaced as soon as possible after the war, meantime receiving interest on the value of the vessel lost. The Datch crews and officers will be maintained at the expense of the United States until a suitable opportunity for repairiation.

A Fresh Point Raised.

London, March 23, According to Reuter's correspondent at the Hague, the British Minister, in a letter to the Dutch Foreign Minister, states that the associated Governments believe that the Dutch ships now at their ports do not fully correspond with the tonnage anticipated under is continued soarcity, and the the agreement, and that the vessels in, or bound for, Dutch ports will be found to exceed the tonnage needed for imports by the Netherlands and her Colonies, calculated on the basis of the original tonnage proposals and provisionally agreed to by the Dutch delegates. If it should be proved to the estisfaction of the associated Governments that this not the cise, the latter will be ready to make up any deficiency of tonnage left at Holland's disposal on the lines recorded are credited to the armies of the German Crown Prince and of the general arrangement regarding the use and distribution of Crown Prince Rapprecht. Thus the opinion in Allied capitals is Da'ch tonnage as soon as the Natherlands Government supplies the

AIR RAID ON PARIS.

London, March 23. A Paris official message states:—Several enemy secoplanes flaw over Paris at 8 30 this morning, inflicting several casualties. Thay were chased off by our machines and "All clear" was sounded at the world. Despite disquieting 4.20 in the afternoon.

London, March 24.

A French official announcement says: Enemy seroplanes crossed our lines at 8.40 last evening and bombarded several localities behind the front, not causing much damage. The raiders Irish Convention has concluded lid not reach Paris. "All clear" was sounded at 10.10 p.m.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

London, March 24. A British Italian official message says; Our aeroplanes, with- the Chairman shall prepare since the first months of the war. Reserves, reinforcements, out loss, destroyed eight enemy machines and brought down another uncontrollable.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ISISH AFFAIRS.

The Convention's Decisions. London, March 23

The "Daily Chronicle" says: The whole Empire, the United States and the Allies learn with relief that the Irish Convention has reached "decisions on all material points." It has been generally known lately that the points of difference which have delayed the decisions now announced were of minor importance.

A Sinn Feig Defent.

London, March 23, The Waterford bye-election result is as follows:-Captain Redmond (Nationalist), son of the late Mr. John Redmond, 1243

Doctor White (Sinn Feiner) 764.

ENEMY'S AERIAL ADVENTURE.

Paris, March 23. A group of enemy aeroplanes crossed the lines and bombed Compeigne and various towns and districts. Some pushed southward, but gun-fire compelled them to retreat. The alarm was given in Paris but "all clear" was signalled. in half an hour.

BRITISH TROOPS CROSS THE JO-DAN.

London, March 23. A Palestine official message says: Our parties crossed the Jordan despite a strong current yesterday morning. The river was then bridged. We established ourselves on the left bank and made progress castwards encountering considerable resistance. The operations continue.

NEW AMERICAN MEASURES.

Washington, March 23. President Wilson has issued a proclamation restricting the imports of non-essentials in order to prevent draining the Allies and to facilitate the quick return of ships to America for re-loading.

REPATRIATED OFFICERS.

The Hague, March 22 Nine British medical officers have arrived from Germany for repatriation, including Lieutenant Ajab Singh Garewal

PENDING OFFENSIVE ON SALONIKA.

London, March 23. According to a telegram from Paris the "Figuro" export says the Germans and Bulgars are preparing a big offensive on Salonika for the spring. Their forces in Macedonia are estimated at 400,000.

THE SPANISH SITUATION.

Madrid, March 22 Premier Maura, addressing enthusiastic Houses of Parliament, hoped the country would settle down quietly under the Coalition. He amounced that the recent decree dissolving and militarising the postal services had been cuncelled

(Continued on race 8.)

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"

OBITUARY.

London, March 23 The death is announced of

Vice Admiral W. Usborne Moore. O. S. K. EUROPEAN SERVICE.

London March 23 It is offinially announced that Osaka Shosen Kaisha has decided to inaugurate a monthly freight service between Bombay and Marseilles, vis the Suez Canal

THE-SILVER-MARKET.

London, March 23. Silver is quoted, at 45d. The conditions are unaltered and the market is fiem.

London, March 22. Silver is quoted at 461. There market is firm.

YESTERDAY'S telegrams.

THE IRISH PROBLEM.

London, March 22, Mr. A quith, in a speech at a National Liberal Federation meeting at Darby, said an Anglo-Irish reconciliation was most urgent in the interests of the Allied cause and the future of reports, he refused to believe that an honograble solution could not be found.

The Press Bureau says the its discussions and a statement received from the Grand Come mittee shows that decisions have been reached on all material points. It has been agreed that draft report. The Convention will reassamble on April 4 to consider the report.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

Good Impression in First Attack.

London, February, 15.—In leading srtiole on the Americans in action in France the Manchester Guardian says that more noteworthy than the ground gained," valuable as is every inch on this Champagne front where American batteries were engaged in supporting the French raid of Wednesday, is the fact that the Americans for the first time took part in the fighting.

"There have been American casualties in France before now." continues the Guardian, "but they have been in German attacks by air or by artillery fire. This is the first instance in which the Americans have taken part in a formal attack. The French are a polite people, but for that very reason they do not waste compliments, and their praise of the part taken by the American heavy guns in this action may be taken exactly at its face value.

"We have persistently warned the people not to expect the American assistance to develop its full value early, but when America. does develop her military power we place no limit on what it can socomplish. We must remember that the Americans are the equals of the Germans in pride and energy, and their superiors in population, material, resources. and mother-wit."

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The German Way. The German military anthorities have a short way with strikers. Not so very long ago the labourers in two munition sctories close to Berlin, who were earning twenty marks or more a day, struck to get better lood. Whereupon the military Governor put them all under martial lawand on the same conditions as Fri s in the tranches, namely, "oldiers' rations, and, twopence a day. A week or two of this regime more than sufficed, and they are now once more earning market wages and feeding themcolves.

Women for War Service- Posts. Washington, February 15 - A. division to place college women in positions of war servicevacated by men has been created under the Intercollegiste Intelligence Bureas, which has annonneed the appointment of Miss. L-use Shepherd, associate warden of Vassar College, as director. Bryn Mawr, Vassar, Wellesley, and Barnard are among the women's colleges co-operating. Examinations for women inspectorn and assistant inspectors of email arms in munition plants filling contracts for the army srebeing held by the Civil Service Commission. It is announced that the filling of these positions by women is approved by the War Department,

New Use for Playing Cards Having helped many a soldier through weary hours in treach and hospital, playing cards are now being pressed into active war service. You may have noticed the new and nest little cloth badges on the sleeve of our men from the front, but possibly have failed to understand the designe. obtained at the G. P. O. and at They are nothing but the familiar club, spade, heart, and dismond non-com- of the playing card. Under the pliance is a fine not exceeding new scheme regiments are divided into packs each company having its symbol in a certain colour to serve as an identification mark, all other badges being removed before going over the top. - Daily Chr. nicle.

logenious Smuggling.

A very ingenious way of attempting to smuggle opium into Penang and other neighbouring ports was discovered by the Government Monopoly officials receptly. The opium found weighed about 100 pounds and was placed in walnut shells which had been cracked open and inined again. There are about 10,000 of these nuts in the possession of the Monopoly. They were brought to port in a Japanese steamer. Some of the nuts had been removed to the steamers Ipoh and Trang. As a result of this discovery eight Chinese-four on board the Japanese and two each on the Ipoh and Trang-were arrested. They were charged before Mr. Muller when two of them pleaded guilty. The others were remanded for a week, bail in the sum of \$5 000 each being allowed. The sentence on the other two was postponed pending enquires.

French Medal for Yale Man. New Haven, February 15 -It has just been announced at Yale University that the Medaille de la Reconnaissance Française has been conferred upon Robert W. Nesser, of the class of 1906, in recognition of the notable work he has done as American representative of "O uvre de Mon Solder" for the relief of the French soldiers and their families coming from the occupied provinces of the North. This decoration from the French Government is a special distinction, having been established by Presidential decree last fall, and having been conferred upon only a few, whose ser vices have been conspicuous. Nesser has for more than a year been devoting h mealito the mork of "Mon B last 1916" which was organised to give sympathy and support to those driven from their homes to France by the Germana. Before his departure for this work. NESSET WES REPORT FROM DESCRIP an thor of personal more of the American pary

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A Prize Opera.

At a meeting held in New York the winner of the \$1,000 Hinshaw opera prize contest was decided by the judges, who, besides Mrs. Homer, included Victor Herbert, David Birpham, R chard Hageman, and Walter Henry Rothwell. All the judgee were present except Mr. Rothwell, who is in Cincinnati. The winner is Henry Hadley, the noted American composer, and his prize-winning opera is called "Bianca." The librettist is Grant Stuart, the sotor. The story of Bisnes" is based upon an old Italian comedy by Goldoni, The Mistress of the Inn. According to the terms of the contest, Mr. Hadley's opera will be produced in the spring or in the fall by the Society of American Singers, Inc., an organisation that was formed to put opera comique in English upon a secure footing in this country. Millions for Meiji Shrine.

Up to the end of February, says a Kokusai despatch, the amount of money subscribed to the fund for the establishment of a shrine to the memory of the late Emperor, Meiji, was Y6.733,831.23. Of this smount, Y6,015,072 99 was contributed in Japan, Y328 980,-50 come from Kores, Formoss. and the Kwantung Peninsula, and Y389,597.74 was contributed by Japanese abroad. A member of the Brazilian Senate and an Admiral in the Brazilian Navy, who is a great admirer of Japan, asked permission to contribute through Mr. Hate, the Japanese Minister to Brazil." It has been decided to erect that building on the former site of the Funeral Pavilion in the Aoyama Parade Ground. Prizes will be offered for the best designs for the bailding.

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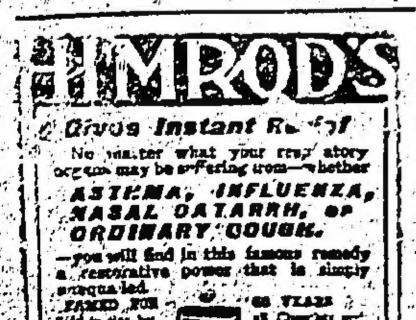
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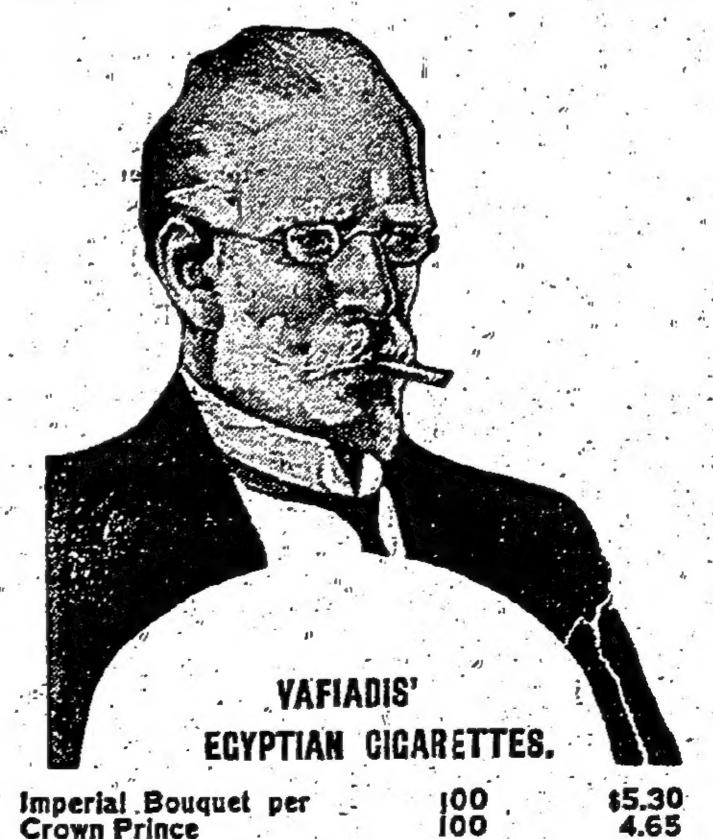
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Mrs. F. E. L. Soares, and family express their heartfelt appre- of an even larger entry of Clube tistion of the numerous expressions of sympathy and floral tributes than has been the case bitherto. in their recent sad bereavement, and thank all friends for kind- At the coming annual meeting of nesses in connection therewith. ..

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1918.

THE GREAT OFFENSIVE.

After many weeks of anticipation, the much-advertised Ger- entered, as most of the Clubs here man effensive on the Western Front has begun. That it represents have ladies on their membership the inauguration of the enemy's maximum effort there can be no colls. The Ladies' Singles Chamdoubt, for it is described as the greatest scale offensive of the war. pionship, recently decided, was a . Its magnitude is evident from the fact that it was opened by the great success, while of late much flinging of no less than forty Divisions into the attack on a fifty- pleasure and good sport have mile front, and that the already greatly reinforced German masses, been made possible by the playmade possible through the Russian peace, are having the assistance ing of inter-Club matches between of Austrian and Bulgarian elements. Thus for the first time with teams of ladies. If a Ladies' in two years we see the enemy launching out on a colossal attempt League were decided upon, to break through the Allied lines. As to his immediate purpose, would not in any way interfere the opinion of experts seems to be that it is the recovery of the lost with the existing competition, as Hindenburg trenches, coupled with a great strategic plan of driving the matches could easily be playa wedge between the British and French forces with the object of ed during ordinary week-days. making an advance on Paris. As to whether the Huns still enter. We hope the idea will be heartily tain the hope expressed by Hindenburg of reaching the French taken up and acted upon. capital by April 1st, we do not know, but, whether they do or not. that is a dream which will never be realised. Of that we may be The Irish Question.

quite certain. With the great struggle still in progress, it is at present im vention has been able to reach de- convicted, but stated that his possible to forecast the likely turn of events and the development cisions on all material points will previous conviction was for fight. The Eightleth Annual Meeting. of the battle. These things can only be judged by a close study of be hailed with the deepest relief ing, and not for stealing. the detailed news as it comes over the cables. The most important and satisfaction in all parts of the Worship sent for the record and thing of all is that, in undertaking this venture, the enemy has been Empire. Nodetails are yet known it transpired that the man was robbed of the advantage which a surprise on a large scale would as to the nature of the agreement convicted for stealing clothes off have meant for him. For some time past the Huna had been which has been attained, but the a pole in Wong Nei Oheong Road. indulging in minor enterprises along various parts of the foot, mere fact that the Convention Asked why he had told the lie, with the obvious sim of misleading the British High Command as has concluded its discussions and defendant pleaded forgetfulness. to their real intentions. It says much for the sagacity of Sir that a draft report is to be pre- His Worship sent the man Douglas Haig, however, and for his close grasp of the situation, pared embodying the decisions prison for three months' hard that he was by no manners of means taken unawares. Indeed, resched provide a good augury for labour and four hours' stocks. Mr. Bonar Law told the House of Commons that the attack the long-desired reconciliation. Stone Roller Frame Stolen, was launched at the very part of the front where it was Mr. A quith says that such an un. When charged before Mr. J. R. expected. Hence the British forces were fully prepared derstanding is most argent in the Wood, at the Magistracy this Speicher. Bev. Thomson, Rev. to meet the onelaught and they have put up such a magnificent interests of the Allied canse and morning, with the theft of the Patton, Rev. Howe, Rev. Nelson resistance that the German hopes of carrying all before them by the future of the world. That is iron frame of a stone roller at the Rev. Henry, Rev. Dewston, and sheer weight of numbers have in no sense been reslised. It is true no over-statement of the case. Club de Recreio, Kowloon, a Messra Banbury, Shers, Smythe, that the British line has been penetrated at one or two points, but The Irish trouble has been too scavenging coolie pleaded not Pomeroy and Bell. in modern wariare any Army which is willing to make unlimited long with ne, and it has, unhappi- guilty. It was stated by the Bacrifices in casualties can, by employing successive waves of troops, ly, diverted a deal of concentra. gardener that the man was seen calling the meeting gain local successes. The giving of ground in such circumstances, tion which was needed in larger to be wrenching the frame from Dr. W. W. Cadbary lead in however, unless it is carried to extreme degrees, cannot upset the spheres. However, it is no off the roller. Farther evidence prayer, after which the minutes general strategic situation, and in the present case it is not likely to use bemosning the past. We showed that the defendant was of the last annual meeting, togeresult in the demoralisation or wholesale retreat of the British forces. have to look, to the future, caught red-handed. Defendant ther with the minutes of a meet-All the reports indicate that our men are fighting with a heroism and and if as a result of this maintained that he was only ing held on May 2, 1917, were gallantry fully in accord with British tradition, and we may count great gathering of Irishmen of all looking at the roller when he was read, which, after a few correctupon it that such advance as the enemy may be able to make will parties, a lasting settlement is assaulted. His Worship sentenced ions, were approved. only be at a most tremendous cost in liver. In accordance with their secured, the calling together of defendant to three months' hard. The report of the Society's usual methods, the termans have been sending forth their men in the Convention will have been labour.

Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Shera, was all public gatherings fordidden, eliminate from the spoken and massed formation, with the result that our r.fls, machine gan and gloriously justified. It has been the feed and approved, and a vote of and the theatase closed; we don't written Tentonic language. artillery fire has been taking a terrible toll of life, in addition to said that no Englishmen can When a Uhiness was charged appreciaton extended to Mr. Shera. atulery are ass over the secretions opportunities for causing thoroughly understand the Irish before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Crief of the Orient marred by an suspected English origin. There further slaughter by bombing, and machine-gunning the enemy problem or hope to solve it. If Police Court this morning, with Secretary was read and after cormasses. Truly must the Germans be paying terribly for this mad that is so, then Mr. Lloyd house breaking at No. 4, Wo On rection was approved. This reventure to win the war by one deadly stroke. Our losses are, of G-orge did a very wise thing Lane, it was stated by Inspector port included that of the Canton course, heavy, but that, unhappily, is only to be expected. What- when he laid down the machinery O Sullivan that early on Sanday Medical Missionary Union, and ever the sacrifices called for may be, however, they will be borne by for the constitution of the morning the man was found was very satisfactory. our brave soldiers, who are fired with a consuming determination to Convention. By that set, he gave removing cabiele partitions The following officers were beat back the Hunnish hordes.

battle as an effort to reach a final decision with the English, it is blame but themselves. Fortunate had gained entrance by using a G. Reynolds, Mr. J. W. Jamieson, realising, however, that he stands Wishing to make himmecomicity and the Horne of the clear that the Huns still cherish their old-time haired of Britain la there now appears a bright duplicate key. Several house C.M.G. H.B.M. Consul General, and all things British. That indeed, and the probability that the prospect of a satisfactory scheme beaking implements were found, Mr. P. S. Heintzleman, U. S. in any manner; situation in Germany makes some show of aggression necessary, of government being involved and the lock of the door was Consul General, Mr. G. D. Fearon probably explains the enemy decision to risk all in one final plunge circumstance which is rightly found concealed in his cap. Mr. R. Shewan, Mrs. John G. on the field of battle. But neither the British Army nor the British regarded as cause for deep grati- Defendant told a long story, and Kerr. Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. H. people are dismayed at this throwing down of the gauntlet. They are fication throughout the Empire, protested his innocence. His Smyth. Hon. Secretary, Dr. J. determined to fight to the bitter end, for the securing of that wickery the United States and all other Worship sentenced the man to M. Wright. Hou. Auditor, Mr. which is essential to the future happiness of mankind. Allies countries.

Good Advice.

We are intensely pleased to note that a number of prominent local Chinese, have had under consideration the matter of preventing or limiting, so far as is possible, the further spread of spotted favor. The letter which appears in our issue to day is much to the point, and the suggestions put before the Principal Civil Medical Officer would appear to have everything to commend them. The relative indifference of on demand to-day was 3s. 14d. certain classes of Chinese concerning the seriousness of the disesse and the ciude methods which in charge of European officers, granted. and all Chiness physicians compelled, as suggested, to notify cases in which symptoms . Mrs. Milroy has sent another of the disease are apparent, draft, this time for £25., to the the result should be all to the Weekly Dispatch Cigarette and good. In an epidemic like this, Tobsoco Fund. The distribution it is essential that every of this amount has been left to the

Why Not.

correspondence.

The Tennis League sesson will soon be with us again, and from all we hear there is every promise the League, the Hop: Secretary will probably raise the question H. E. the Governor will be preof the feasibility of nunning a ladica' na well as a genta League-a suggestion which we should much like to se acted upon. Hongkong has some really eplendid lady players, and there should not be the least difficulty 'cello. in getting seven or eight teams

the Irish themselvers the task of from the first floor. Seven port elected :- President, Dr. C. K. From the fant that the attack has been directed egainst the solving their own puzzle, and, if ions of a partition had already Elmunds. Hon. Vice Presidents,

DAY BY DAY.

THE CHARACTER OF A WAN IS

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the 62ad birth-

The Dollar. The opening rate of the dollar

Second Murder Charge. Ng Ling, the Chinese who was are often taken to stay its pro- judged not guilty at the Oriminal gress are revealed by the writer. Sessions of the murder of Inspec-What, however, is much more tor Mortimor O'Sullivan at 6, to the "point is the desire Gresson Street, was again before expressed for a more compre- Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy hensive campaign against the this morning, charged on remand scourge and the trust which with the murder of a Chinese following are the scores:is betokened in Western treat-lat Yaumati last year. Inspector ment of the cases. If stations were | Gerrard applied for a further established in the native quartere, week's remand and this was

The "Khaki Bag." possible step should be taken discretion of the Weekly Dispatch, to combat the disease, and we as it felt that they are in a better cannot help thinking that the position to know the regiments authorities will do well to take mostly in need of eigarettes and note of the eminently same proce- tobacco. The total amount, dure which is suggested in the collected to date through the little "Khaki Bag" is £399. 18. 5. The little bag is still open for

contributions, great and small. Concert. The concert arranged be Prof. E. Danenberg for the benefit of the crphane of the Portuguese Mr. Wright ... 28 23 victims who perished in the Racecourse disaster will take place this evening, at 5.15 p.m., in the sent. " Mrs. Balean, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Muriel. Prof. Danenberg and bis pupils will take part. Prof.

Papini, Mr. Pamies, and Prof. Danenberg will play a trio by Beethoven for piane, violin, and

A Futile Defence. A District Watchman noticed one Chinese sidle up to another Hollywood Boad; and subsequently he saw the first man take from the other's pocket a purpe. He arrested the pickpocket, who told Mr. J. R. Wood. at the Magistracy this morning, that he picked the purse up off the ground. He called two witnesses to prove that he was a " good man," but His Worship convicted and sentenced him to three months' hard labour.

Lied in Court. A Chinese, who was charged, CANTON MEDICAL before Mr. J. R. Wood, with stealing two articles of clothing The news that the Irish Con- from off a pole in Wanchai, was

six months' hard labour.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

A Triangular Shoot.

A triangular shoot took place at Stonecutters on Saturday between the Navy, Civil Service day of the Hon. Mr. W. F. Massey. and Taikoo, and the result was: - several of the prominent Chinese be permitted to break down the Taikoo, 653 all apertures; Navy, of this city, it has been deemed plan of convoy of merchant vessels. 616 plus 15 for 5 open sights; advisable to made a suggestion to by destroyers. Possibly at the Civil Service 620 plus 6 for open the sanitary officials with a view present time the Ailies are tend-

The shooting was very poor, epidemic of only one usual score being made, corebro-spinal fever, in and that by Captain Scott, whom locality. all are pleased to see showing a I find that the Chinese are cluded—have exemplified the bit of his old form. Mention ready to cooperate, and do all in British "dezz e" system of comoumay also be made of the good their power to attain the desired flage. However the periscope Beade, who is quite a new man suggestions made. amongt the league shots. The

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The eightieth annual meeting of the Canton Medical Missionary Society was held in the Club Theatre, Shameen on March 20. The Rev. Edgar Dewatoe presided, and the following members were present :- Dr. and Mrs. O. O. Selden. Dr. Cadbury, Dr. Edmunde, De. Weight, Bev.

The chairman read the notice

CORRESPONDENCE.

The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."] SPOTTED FEVER EPIDEMIC. [To the Editor of the " Hongkong

Telegraph."]

Yours etc. CLARKSON DYE.

Civil Medical Department, Hongkong.

fever in our midst.

Hospital of this city.

not come out into the open and Evening Post. let it be know that they have this disease until in the last stages, and they have exhausted the skill continues on her stormy path of of practitioners of their own race. fostering the self-determination Usually, when the first symptom of peoples is demonstrated by the in the back of the neck) the smitt- test against the aggregation of goes to a Chinese polygician, or gium. As in Courland and to "draw the pain out." Those Belgium go around hunting for familiar with this disease know possible separatist elements. They cure has passed.

626 through ignorant carriers; in the enatched away, they suddenly

2.-That suitable publicity Prussians want to retain control. methods be employed, by standing notices in Chinese news. "How I spent Christmas" has papers, by posters placed in the formed many a chapter of matter streets, and otherwise, admonish- for periodicals. One who did not ing all the Chinese to immediately confess was Tennyson. He would appear for examination if con- bave died rather than let it be follows of experiencing any of the known that he gave his Christmas earliest symptoms of this disease leisure to blowing sosp bubbles -and plainly stating what the for the children and humping symptoms are.

physicians and druggists that pleasant, pleasanter than that of they shall immediately inform Carlyle, remarking to Moncare your Board (or your repre- Conway, "Ohristmas Day? -ah centative at the station to be yes, I'had fergotten, but remarkestablished) of any person apply- ing that the crowd at the publicing for relief who has any of the house at the corner was larger than, symptoms described, and to ever, I did remember that it was penalise any failure to so report, the birthday of their Redeemer."

I have observed the intelligent

have the honour to be, Sir, Respectfully,

CLARKSON DYE Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

With specialists now sugged

for the Government in exhaustive tests of marine camon flage, there is no doubt that sooner or later. the application of pigment to produce low visibility at sea will be ecientifically worked out. But no Sir,-After a conference with system yet to be devised should to stamp out the prevailing ing to count too greatly upon or paint for protection. English this liners sunk by submarine stackthe Tuscania and Aurania inscore at the 600 yards by F. end, and enclose a copy of the observers may be deceived, armed bebivorq ed cela taum slessev While couvey has occasionally falled, it has on the whole justified itself. Adequate convoy protect-March 23, 1918. ion means destroyers in number Hop. J. T. C. Johnson, F.R C.S., suffi tient to admit both of attack and of keeping the merchant fleet in proper slignment Thes Sir.—Sidewalks, sprinkled with gnarded, steamships may be disenfectants, the daily record of painted in flat tone, say, a new cases and resulting death; uniform light gray, which the embargo now placed against would give protection in some ships from this port, the occasion- where twenty clouded hours to al funeral trains-all these re- one of sunlight prevail. No mind us of the prevalence of doubt, while our camouffents are cerebro spinal (or "spetted") carrying on their investigations. German scientists are constantly .The disease seems principally devising improvements to faciconfined to the Chinese of this litate the work of periscope section, although an cossional observers. Thus, even if camou-European is noted amongst, the flage is effective to-day, it may silicted, or the deaths. For not prove so to-morrow. There. this reason, I have presumed to can be no argument against using address you and to make a sug- whatever device may develop out gestion, in which I am joined by of the studies of light and pigmy friend, Mr. Tong Yat Chun, ment; let the researches be made 75 President of the Tung Wah as thorough as possible—tut not to the neglect of destroyers and It appears that the Chinese do | vet more destroyers. - New York

> How enthusisstically Germany appears, (I understand it is, a pain reports of riots in Brussels in proed one stands it for swhile, then Fianders from the rest of Beldrug store, and procures a plaster, Lithuanis, German statesmen in how futile such means are. As do not advertise in the newspapers other symptoms of graver im- for them, but they offerall sorts of port appear, the Chinese is carried premiums. In Courland and Lithto some hospital where it is too usnis there are the old "notables." often discovered that the time for who were more Russian than the grand dukes as long as the Ozer In view of the menace to others, turned over the country to them. and the spread of this illness Now that this advantage has been hope of stousing a sense of care- turn Germanophile, the comfal prudence smonget the Chinese pensation being Jankerdom over and arresting further sickness, it the Slav majorities. In Belgium is respectfully suggested that the a Council of Flemings seems to following means be immediately have been formed out of whatever adopted by your honorable body, power-greedy remnants could be found, demanding complete in-1.—That a convenient station dependence for Flanders. It is or stations be established in the strange that this "Flanders" Chinese quarter, in charge of a part of Belgium should coincide capable European surgeon pretty accurately with that part appointed by your Department; of Belgium over which "the

his shoulders high, pretending to 3.-By notifying all Chinese be a giant." But the picture is

efforts which are now being made! In their antipathy to England by your officers, and appreciate and to everything English, or the difficulties under which you supposedly English, the Germans labouring. We don't want to see have apparently undertaken to instantion that it is unhealthy, comes at first hand this episode, and I feel sure that all will gladly reported by Prof. F. Silion do their bit to keep it clean. If a Delmer, who was instructor of layman has presumed in making English, in the University of a suggestion which only comes Barlin when the war broke out. from his long frieadship for the and who, from that time until Chinese people, it is hoped that May 23 of this year, was either a you will preciously preduce him, civil or so interest prisoner. ality, rebuked her departing With assurances of esteem, I companion for using the word adieu. Ach was, he called after her, "adieu sagt man nicht." mehr. Das ist Englisch. The

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

United Services League.

R. E. v. H. K. D. C. Played on the Club Ground on F. J. Ling, not out ... eturday. Mr. Byrns having Extras ... Saturday, Mr. Byrna having charge of the game. Teams:

R. E.-Clarke; Blumfield, Lucae; Chartere, Smith, White; Strange, Townsend, Osborne, Hortop, Pascall.

H. K. D. C .- G. Rodger; Donnelly Stalker, McCubben; Relaton, de Rome Stewart, Rodger; Gerrard, Pasco, Mass Irvine, McTavish, Cave.

Much interest was centred on Morgan this match, as a win for the R. E. would make their position practice. T. E. Pearce, c Goodall, b ally safe for let place, and a win Severn or draw would still give the H. E. Muriel, b Hamilton ... H.K.D.O. a chance. Play in the Captain E. H. Gray, b Bird ... first half was of a very even char- F. J. de Rome, b Severn icter, the defence of both sides M. M. Mass, not out... having the better of the atteck, Lt. E. Murray, not out the goal keepers having very R. P. Thursfield, F. W. S. little to do. McTavish showed plenty of dash and on one occasion put in a very hot shot, which Clarke had no difficulty in saving, the ball going straight to him. The Sappers' forwards got within range of their opponents' goal, but the shooting left much to be desired. Half time: - No Hamilton

In the recend half, the R.E. Severn had the best of the exchanges, Ling but McCubben was playing a fine Witchell game at back, his kicking bying very strong and sure. Bodger saved a good shot by Osborne. The latter made some ine open- Kowloonites, who, batting first, ings for his partners. At the other end. Clarke was drawn out of his goal, but could not gather the ball in time, and found himself with several opponents around him. He, however, managed to clear at the expense of a corner, from which nothing scored. Scores:-The last ten minutes became very fast, and Charters sent in a lovely drive from long range just skimming the har. The Defence F. E. Joseland, b Ford Corps were hard pressed when K. R. Macaskill, b Abbas ... the whistle brought them relief, | C. the result being a pointless draw. DIVISION 2.

83rd Co. R.G.A. v. 87th Co. R.G.A.

The 83rd Co. sprang a sur. J. P. Robinson, W. T. Elson, prise on the Gunners from Stone- R. Pestonji did not bat ... cutters by defeating them by 2 goele to l'after a close game. Play was not of a very exciting or strenuous character, 83 Co. being somewhat fortunate to gather both points.

Staff and Depts. v. Middlesex Abbas

Reserves. As anticipated, the Staff where | Sara too good for their opponents and ran out easy winners by 4 goals R. Bass, b Cobb to 1. In the first quarter of an T. Ford, b Cobb hour there was little to chose G. Manley, b Cobb ... between the teams. The Middle- J. S. Graham, b Cobb ... sex were the first to score, A. Arcalli, a Pestonji, b Stratton putting the ball into the Stalker net after the b.ck miskicked. M. Abbas, b Cobb ... Soon after Wain made the scores F. S. Thompson, c Stapleton, level, and Ellarby gave the b Cobb ... Staff the advantage of a lead by 2 T. Pitt, b Pestonji ... goals to 1 at half time.

The Staff did most of the press- J. D. Noris, pot out... ing in the second half. Kirby putting his side 3 up by heading through from a well placed corner. A penalty was awarded the Staff but Kinght missed.

The Middlesex tried hard to P. H. Cobb reduce the lead, but Lawrence at J. Stalker ... back was in good form. Bust R. Pestonji... before the close, Ellerby made the result sure with the best goal

CRICKET.

Hongkong C. C. v. Civil Service. This match, to which much importance was attached, was A. H. Runjihn, c Page, b splayed on the Club ground on | Beath ..." Saturday, the result of a keen | G.A.V. Hall, c Wahl, b Adams 40 tussle for League points being a G. E. Manley, l.b.w. b Henley draw. The vicitors went, first to L D. Wright, b Henley ... the wickets and, after a week W. M. Gittens, not out orening, declared at 167 for nine Ng Swa Cheng, c sub., b Mcwickets, Witchell being top scorer Gregor with 34, and Hamilton and Bird Cheek Pcon Lok, st. Wahl, next with 29 each. Donnelly was b McGregor ... the best of the Clab bowlers, his J M. Jack not out ... sverage reading five for 62. The Sun Kwok Leung, b Mo-Club were left with about an Gregor ... hour and B quarter in which to J. Henton, b Henley ... get the the required some, but time came with the score 106 for four wickets, of which Pearce contributed a well-played 49 Scores :--

Civil Service. W. E. Dixon, c Pearce, b Don-D. M. Goodall, o Marray, b Pearce ... Hon. Mr. C. Severn, c Sutton, b Donnally ... 3 Cooper ... B. W. Bradbury, b Donnelly 7 McGregor

O. M. W. Reynolds, o Murray,

b Donnelly... 9 Egt. McGregor, b Marley ... 6
R. O. Witchell, Lb.w. b Gray 34 Lt. Wahl, o Romjahn, b Marley 75
E. W. Hamilton, b Donnelly 29 Opl. Adams, c Rumjahn, b P.T. Lamble, o Evan', b Mass '6 Ponsonby Fans ... R. E. O. Bird, not out W. H. Edmonde, c Mass, b Morgan " "

Total for (for 9 wkta)167

H. K. C. C.

Evans, Lt. Col. Morgan, F. Sutton and D. E. Donnelly, did not bat.

Extras...

Total Bowling. O. M. R. W

Craigengower v. Kowloom. -This match, played a: Happy Valley, proved a walk-over for scored 181 for seven wickets. The home side could not face th out for 23, Ford alone reaching the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Kowloon bowling and were all double figures. The feature of the 96 Szechnen Road, Shanghai. match was Cobb's bowling, his record being seven for 15

Kowloon A. A. Clazion, b Aboss J. Stalker, o Ford, h Abbas ... J. Stapleton, c Sab.,

L. E. S. Hodge, a Basa, b Abbas L. J. Blackburn, not out P.H. Cobb, c Sab, b G:sham

Grimmett ...14.5 2 61 Craigengower.

O. Sars, b Cobb ... Extras

University, v. Lieut Wahl's XI. An interesting match on the of the match, giving the goalie no University ground resulted in a win for the home team by 19

rone. Scores:-University. R. Ponsonby Fane, c Adams, b Henley ...

Extras "...

g | Waller ... 2 Gordon ... Adams ...

Lt. Wahl's X'.

29 Spr. Waller, o Wright, b Mar-

... 2 Gnr. Cooper, o Hall and ... 16 Rumjahn 21 Bdr. Page, o Hall, b Rumjion 5 Spr.Gordon, Lb.w., bRamjahn 10 Opl. Health, o Jack, b Marley 2

Seaman Henley, o Ching, b Ramjehn ... Spr. Cruikshanks, c Wright, b Marley ... M. Jenner, not out

Hall ... 18 Rumjahn ...

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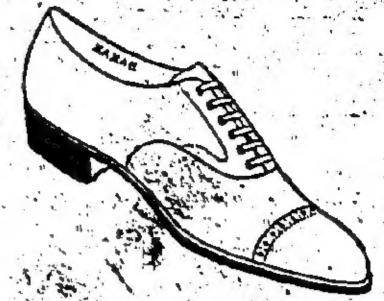
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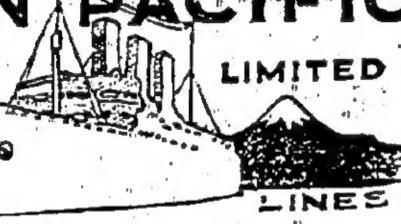
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B. N. B. Gazatta." French Fac Eastern Line. The Messageries Maritimes, the operation of the Far Eastern line of which has been discontiqued since last Spring, is reported to have decided to resume the service in view of the necessity to connect France with her Oriental colonies, beginning from next April with five chartered steamers. The above news has been report d by the "Osaka Asahi" in contradiction to a previous report that the M.M. has decided to discontinue its Oriental service altogether.

Missions to Seamen. In his annual report, Mr. A. J. Steam. Chaplain of the Missions. to Seamen at Shanghai, states: Work on home ships, as may well be imagined, is almost at a standstill, yet there is still a good field for work in the China coast ships, and this branch of our work is most encouraging. There is almost always a most enthusiastic welcome to visits aboard these vessels, whether those visited have homes in Shanghai or not. Those who have families ashore here, seem to appreciate the religious link with their wives and children. which such a church as St. Andrew's affords, and those whose home is just the cabin, seem glad to we!come the friendly

"Adjacent-sea" Charterage. Qu te out of proportion with the ruling freights, the adjacentsea' charterage has been ascending wildly and has now attained Y26 per ton deadweight. We prevously attributed this flight partly to the general anticipation of the brisk movement of cargo in home waters next April. However the transportation of neither Hotkaido lumber nor Kyushu coal is at all brisk at present, and signs indicate that these lines of tady will bebb perceptibly in the course of next April and May. The shipment of bean cake from Dairen is now maintained fairly actively. but upon the next turn of the month the export is likely to slacken to) a degree, as is the case each year. Under these circumstances, the adjacent sea charterage is expected to go down next month to Y10-23 per ton deadweight. Marchuria Daily News. Russian Steamer Ashore.

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Scope oft he Lady Superintend ent's Activities.

A number of girls filed slow! by the small table at which sat Liss Lilian Barker busily engaging fresh hands for the work shops of Woolwich Arsenal. In the same hut, close to one of the gates of the Arnenal, Miss Barker has her own private office which with its bright fire, the beach leaves on the desk and the pio ures on the wall, looked cosy and chestful on a particularly wat October m rning. It was bere that Miss B-rker talked to a representative of the Christian Science Monstor of the welfare work which, as lady superintendent appointed by the Government, she is cirrying on among the 25,000 to 26,000 women workers. war, are employed at Woolwich Arrenal, Miss Lil an Barker has been termed the Florence Nightwould probably laugh at the assertion and repudiate it if it were made to her. B:t the fact plaints of a committee of shop ramains that she is a power in that vest centre of human energy. | that this would only be possible to the merest outsider, is to be found in her attitude towards the workers. As she spoke of them the impression which she gave was talk of the splendid way in which HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS, that of a mother exceedingly the Woolwich munition workers proud and exceedingly fond of had "made good." They are her children.

I don't quite see what I can Welfare organisation. But keep in touch with the girls If necessary, we go to see them, but only if them. They come and tell us their troubles and whatever the difficulty, we help them through. But, and this is an important of £2 10s. a week. point, the welfare worker has nothing whatever to do with the output, with the actual work. She is, as it were, a neutral chord of appeal between the worker and not found them necessary. The

of welfare work would remedy ere in a place as crowded with bad or low wage, and no wel- soldiers as Woodwich is, have been fare organiser worthy of the name proven unfounded, at least in the would remain in a factory, where overwhelming majority of cases. who, in this ourth year of the my point of view is a totally magnificent. free one. The idea set forward in a freent issue of The New Statesman that welfare work intale of this vn. She herealf should be placed under the control of a functional manager, stewards, Miss Barker thought a good one; but she pointed out in a case where all the workers were trade unionists.

magnificent, she said. There is nothing that they have not been having arrived from the above tell you about the welfare work it's so large, it has no beginning and no end, Miss Barker remarked, in a slightly puzzled way. I came here in November, 1915.

There were just 400 women here then, and there are now about 26,000. I engage all the girls. I have two assistants and all the factories have welfare workers attached to them. We women is judged fit or unfit superintendent of Imports and look after the workers, see to the ventilation and sanitation, and to their comfort generally. We have nothing to do with the hostels where the workers live. That would be altogether too big an undertaking here at Woolwich, at about 2 goldock that have 10 All claims must be according to her capacity for work. The working day is according to her capacity for work. The working day is all broken, chafed and damaged to be altogether too big break is allowed. In the morning an undertaking here at Woolwich, at about 2 goldock that have 10 All claims must be according to her capacity for work. The working day is all broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the cause between shifts 20 minutes break is allowed. In the morning at about 2 goldock that have 10 All claims must be according to her capacity for work. The working day is all broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the cause between shifts 20 minutes are capacity for according to her capacity for according to he an undertaking here at Woolwich, at about 9 o'clock, they have 10 All claims must be presented such work would probably be hour for dinner and ball an hour arrival here, after which they for tea; so that the working day is cannot be recognized. about 101 hours. No work is done No claims will be admitted here, unless there is a particular after the goods have left the push on Sandays, and the workers undelivered after March 25th slee have their Saturday evenings. 1918, will be subject to rent. want us to. We never force any. It is wonderful how improved thing on them. If they want us, in physique the girls get will be effected. we are there and ready to help after a short period of regular generally find that they are only have Sunday concerts, gymnastics countersignature immediately. and other recreations for them. As for wages they do not get the fabulous nalaries of which rumour

population of the arienal is as Tuis was a felicitons way of large as that of some cities, but describing the position of welfare the workers know I trust them, appenin sudent, and led to the and very few indeed are the cases Company, states that the s.s. OHINA, discussion of the real position in which I find that my confi. Sunday, March 24th, according to which "welfare work" holds in dence has been misplaced. It I scholute.

How do you keep order

the organisation of a factory. It had women police here it would is a point on which there is some simply mean that the girls would misunderstanding on the part of think. Oh the bose no longer the trade unions. It has been trantans, and then all they would way interfered or might tend in forced out. It is not my method interiers with the accuring of of discipline, went on Miss Barker, proper wages for the workers. ... and I can tell you that all the That is quite a mirtake, said promostications made as to the Miss Barker. Certainly no amount difficulty of having women work-

the workers were underpaid. As Since the air ride are with every good institution we subject of more interest at iare work, if not conducted on the present time, the parting atraight lines, would became dan question put to Miss Buker was gerous. The crux of the matter lies how her workers stood the racket in the position of the welfare of guns and Gothae. Well, she superintendent. If she is em. ployed by the owners of a factory, she will naturally look after the master's interest, if the workers her point of view would be theirs.

There has been no panie at all. It is pretty, bad over here, shough workers her point of view would be theirs.

There has been no panie at all. It is pretty, bad over here, shough workers her point of view would be theirs. Here it is different, I have an are always some who want to entirely independent position, leave. Speaking generally, howbecause I am appointed by the ever, I can only say that the be-Government, and therefore l'aviour of the women is really

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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THE GREAT OFFENSIVE.

Magaificent Delence by British Troops. Benter's correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing in the evening, says: The offensive is proceeding and the weather is glorious. Definite details are still unobtainable. Despite our giving ground under an unprecodented weight of men and guns, the enemy gains are nowhere of real strategic importance. The withdrawal everywhere was carried out in orderly manner after exacting a fearful price. Our airmen report that the ground in the

enemy's roar is strewn with grey corpoca. It has been noted that all the attacking troops are olad in new uniforms and it may be remembered in this reconnection that you Hindenourg boasted that he would be in Paris on April 1st. Anyway he is certainly essaying to break through in record time and as his divisions melt away under torrents of shells and bullets from ones are flung up. | Forty enemy divisions, including four of the guards, were identified on the front line of attack by last night and already some troops have been relieved. Responsible quarters are gratified at the magnificent manner in which our troops are witnstanding the ordeal. Not a single division has failed or initered. Against one sector of 10,000 yards it has been estimated that the Germans employed one gun for every fifteen yards, not counting trench-mortars. It is noteworthy that some actual retirements were made only upon orders after the troops had held the trenches intact through the whole day against violent assaults. The first dense waves in yesterday's attacks were frequently held up by our wire. The Germans halted and backed their way through, whilst our rillemen and gunners were making a verifable shambles of the ground. The enemy lought with stordy valour, for it was picked divisions that were participating. Our airmon are serving magnificently, flying low and attacking the enemy nying formations, who are machine-gunning our trenches. In one place eight German divisions attacked on a front held by eight buttations of ours. The front line here has been destroyed by weight of motar, but the supports somewed a great detence and not only held the enemy, but compelled withdrawal last evening of some of their divisions. The Germans have lost a cortain number of guins through untering the barrage. Gas. shells have been largely used. We are also employing these projection neutralising whole batteries thereby.

Heavy Night Fighting London, March 23 Heavy fighting continued on the whole buttle front

until late last night. Powerful attacks with a great weight or infantry and artillery in the atternoon broke through our detensive system westward of St. Quentin. We are tailing back in good order to prepared positions farther west. Our troops are holding their positions in the northern portion of the battle front. Very heavy nghting with freen nostile torces is in progress.

Allied Statis Satisfied.

Paris, March 23 Speaking in the Chamber, M. Clemenceau stated that the Albed Staffs have every reason to be satisfied with the results of the first great attack. He was extremely pleased with the results. M. Ciemenceau says the British are resisting with produgious endurance and becatombing the enemy. The newspapers also most nightly unbute the British defence. Some opine that the enemy possibly contemplates, after fixing the British Meseryes on the front attack, to make a massive attack on the Anglo-Belgian left wing in the direction of Calais, between 1 pres and Arras, thus directly threatoning Britain, but the Allies are everywhere

Lord Mayor's Message.

London, March 23. The Lord Mayor of London has telegraphed to Sir Douglas Haig as tollows:- London is watching with protound emotion and grateful admiration the splendid resistance the British and Overseas troops are heroically offering to the attacks of the enemy and renews its tull confidence in the complete victory of our gallant and devoted troops. They will remain in our prayers and thoughts throughout these anxious days."

British Press Hopeful, London, March 23." The papers are unanimously hopeful of the outcome of the great pattle and awell on the accuracy of the Briush intelligence in divining the enemy's intentions and toreseeing the points and time of the attack. They are confident that the Aillied line, though it may bend, will not break short of some undisclosed and termidable surprise. It is emphasised that the battle is only beginning. The assault on the Cambrai front, which was probably chosen because the undulating land, in this region usually recover from the effects of winter some weeks earlier than the Franco-Belgian frontier districts, may not represent the main ultimate feature of the enemy offensive. There may yet be a sudden attack elsewhere, but no doubt is felt that the defensive system, ceasclessly claborated during the winter months and defended by troops inspired with the unconquerable spirit which barred the road to Ypres, will hold the enemy. It is believed the Germans are striking because they think they can win a victory that will end the war and because they cannot afford to wait. Hence failure now will mean the definitive defeat of Germany. The papers exhort the people at home to steel their hearts for a tale of losses, not to be depressed by momentary checks or to be too exultant over successes, but to emulate the calminess and stendiness of the boroes at the front.

German Feeling. London, March 23. German telegrams via Amsterdam snow that the people are highly strung by the news of the battle. Their papers insist that the rulers have left nothing undone to spare the people a terrible blood bath. Special services of intercession have been ordered in the churches. The Kaiser, Crown Prince, Marshal Hindenburg and General Ludendorff left Spa on Wednesday for Cratean, near St. Quentin to watch the troops move in battle.

Paris Suburbs Bombarded.

London, March 23. A Paris official message says: The enemy is shelling Paris suburbs at long range. A 240 millimetre gun is firing every quarter of an hour. A dozen have been killed and fifteen wounded. Counter measures are being taken: A French communique says: The enemy is spasmodi-

cally and fairly violently bombarding our front and reer lines north of Chemin des Dames in the region of Rheims and Lorraine. We dispersed an attack in the region of

RUSSIAN REPUBLIC.

Petrograd, March 23. The Soviete have formed a Tauridean Republic including the whole of the Orimes.

THE DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTIVN

The Hague, March 22 In the Chamber, after M. Loudon had announced the Allied requisitioning of Dutch ships, speakers of various parties hotly denounced the Allies, especially America for what they asserted was an act of injustice. But they admitted that Holland was only able to make a thignified

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-As it is past the hour for which of their salaries for the year. the meeting has been called and Gentlemen, it is to the united and there is a quorum, I will ask the loyal efforts of our staff, that we

The Chairman said :- Gen- recommending the payment temen,-The Directors' report this bonne, the Board feels that

operations during the year have success they have schieved during his discourse are most convincing placed on it. He thought this will include Mrs. W. J. Hill, Miss. has in the past required a good repair work for which our ever soaring price, but the policy been noted.—(Applance). This small sacrifice in support of the adopted has, I think you will large volume of business has agree, been fully justified by thrown extra duties on the Enrthe results, more especially so opean staff; and it is pleasing to when I say that we are using up note in the accounts that proviour surplus stock of material, sion has been made for a bonus purchased in America prior to the of 20 per cent. on their salaries. introduction of the licence system, The result of the year's working upon the the construction of the amply warrants this bonus, and first standard ship to be built in I am sure shareholders will join the Colony. We have further with me in saying orders in hand which will been well earned. It is that the United States would feature to be noticed at the provide us with steel to keep our western end of the yard is to see yards employed on new work, has the frames steadily rising of the proved correct. Licences for roll- first standard ship built in the ing and export from America Colony and the largest this have sliesdy been outsined, and Company have ever undertaken, although some delay may con- and it is worthy of note that ceivably be experienced, we have this vessel is being built out of on reason at all to fear any serious material from stock. At the premiscarriage of the arrangements sent moment, shipping is a vital we have made.—(Applause). To need—one might almost say the cope with this work, we have vital need -for the successful extended our shipyard sheds, and prosecution of this terrible war." as it appears to be well nigh The Prime Minister has repeated.

The levelling of the ground for tween the Allies would be out the new large shipyard I referred and the unlimited resources to last year is proceeding, and of America would not be availwhen this yard is properly able. The figures recently given equipped you will be justified in in the House of Commons by Sir tors. regarding our shipbuilding Erio Geddes show the serious facilities as second to none in the shrinkage that has taken place do not doubt that this new outbreak of war, and as the de- to the Board of Directors. acquisition of our will be occupied mands for means of transport has

for some years to some. The vagaries of silver, and military requirements, these consequently of our Hongkong figures make us realise more clear, in place of Mr. Anton, has been our difficulties in estimating and is therefore our bounden duty to kindly hold up their hands. tendering for new construction, devote all our energies to build. Against? That is carried unwhich as a rule runs into large ing new ships as fast as we animously. The next business is sterling amounts; difficulties possibly can, thereby assisting the election of auditors, which have been secentuated by the Government to transport to propose the re-election of Mr. Henry Humphreys:—I beg foodstuffs for the argent needs of the Empire and our Allies.—
Bome of the sterling paycan depend, sir, on the wholemants on account to transport to propose the re-election of Mr. Henry Humphreys:—I beg foodstuffs for the argent needs of the Percy Smith and Mr. A. R. Henry Humphreys:—I beg foodstuffs for the argent needs of the Percy Smith and Mr. A. R. Henry Humphreys:—I beg foodstuffs for the argent needs of the propose the re-election of Mr. Messer to propose the re-election of Mr. Mr. Mr. Messer to propose the re-election of Mr. Mr. Messer to propose the re-election of Mr. Mr. Mr. Messer to propose the re-election of Mr. Mr. Messer to propose the re-ele pleted ships your Directors holders in your policy of second that.

The amount it is proposed to write off for depreciation represents twenty per osat on our floating plant, and 10 per cent. on buildings, fixed and loose tools. Trial of Issue at Supreme Court. Your properties are in good order and the cost of their upkeep has

Dock Co., Ltd., was held this recerve will bring this fund up to morning, the Kin Tye loong firm morning at the Company's officer, \$900,000; which can at some were plaintiffs and the Wing Hang Queen's Baildings. Mr. S. H. future date be utilised for further hong firm defendants in a trial Dodwell presided and those also development, or for other purposes. Of issue as to whether the present were :- Sir Paul Chater, and I am confident that you plaintiffs have determined their C.M.G., the Hon. D. Landsle, Mr. will all consider the building up election to affirm the contracts for sale referred to in paragraph and Mr. A. S. Sorensen (directors). wise step to take under present 3 of an amended statement of sent; Messre, A. H. Barlow Mr. R. M. Dyer (Chief conditions. Last year the Board claim. The point is whether the foreman) J. H. Wallace, and W. Manager). Sir Robert Ho made a contribution of \$5,000 to plaintiffs having filed proof in C. Jack. Tung, Mesars. C. D. Wilkinson, the War Charities Fund. This the bankruptcy of the first defen-A. O. Lang. W. E. Clarke, W. year it is proposed to increase the dants, the Wing Hang-hong, are

M. H. Nemasse, G. C. Moron and that it is necessary for me to refer H. Peroy Smith (shareholders). to is the bonus to the European by Mr. H. E. Sharp, K.C., and the fire. He and Col. Ward worked together. He was re-

comstances therefore, it is with adoption of the report and so. "Company of Jesus." The Bodies which were identified p.m. by a chorus of nearly 190 no little pleasure that your counts, I wish, in the first place, preacher is a very experienced were allowed to be buried voices. A collection will be made Directors come before you with to congratulate the Directorate man in practical life and the privately. With regard to Mr. in aid of the Fund for Crippled this report. The success of our and management on the great principal points touched on in Ah Wee's body, a card was Soldiers and Sailors. The soloists to enable us to undertake the in any way interfering with the work that has come our way. It expeditions handling of heavy deal of courage to buy steel at its Company have so long and justly quits prepared to make this

keep our present shipperd busy gratifying to hear that forward being no questions, gentlemen, I boules into their comins as scon will ask son to signify in the se they could. Messre, Brown connection, the opinion I express raw material which will keep the usual way. Those in favour? ed at the launching ceremony on present yard fully employed for Those against? Carried the last anniversary of the war, sometime to come, and a pleasing animously. The next business is

impossible at present to purchase ly emphasised the fact that unanimously. The next business had a dispatch box placed inside Club on and after the 25th inst. manufacturing the necessary depends on tonnage, without plant ourselves. - (Applause). which the communications be-D. Landale to the Board of Direc-

Mr. Budge: - I wish to second

have considered it advisable to placing a large sum to reserve The Chairman:— The replace on deposit in London, and fund for the purpose of further election of Mr. H. Percy Smith in this way have been taken into the account now before you at an exchange of 3/- which was the rate at the allst December last. As regards further starling connected the construction of ships of increased tonnage is a patriotic one sandwill in the long run, I believe, grave a count now believe, grave now now to the position of the various Societies to abolish the heart stops its palpitating the heart stops its palpitating and colour returns to choose fire.

Bank Chairman's Death.

The tosa office of the death office of the later. The count office of the later in the long run, I believe, grave a count investment. It all the received a cable from New York williams pink pills from any of the National City Bank of New Williams Medicines Count of the National City Bank of New Williams Medicines Count of the National City Bank of New Williams Medicines Count of the National City Bank of New Williams Medicines Count of the National City Bank of New York will not be possible to obtain. in this way have been taken into socelerate the annual output of for the ensuing year at a fee of

A LEGAL DISPUTE.

In orginal jurisdiction, before been met out of current revenue. Bir William Ress Davies (Chief of the Hongkong and Whampos The sum we propose to put to Justice), at the Supreme Court this

Macdonaid, P. C. Potts, P. Foster, with your approval.

J. W. Graham, W. C. Jack, H. The last item in the accounts and defendants were represented made arrangements for identification in the final. Mr. F. C. Jenkin and Mr. Eldon have been impossible to have qualifying to meet Gunner Lord

Catholic Conferences. Chief Manager to read the notice owe, in a very large extent, the Roman Cathlic Cathedral has been the following morning. About prepared opium. Mr. W. B. packed full avery day by people 300 people were let in at once. Hind defended and stated that in of many nationalities to listen to Fifty-one bodies were indenti- the man bought the opium on the eloquent preaching of the fied. Inspector Watt was behalf of the obief cook. The and statement of accounts for the will have the wholehearted sup- Fide, who is giving a series of Inspector Grant in charge of opium, was for consumption on possession for the last ten days, With these few remarks, gentle- Wednesday next, the 27th inst. until 11 a.m. when sveryons was that only half a tael was sllowed, I will, with your permission, take men. I beg to propose the adoption The subjects chosen for these cleared out. The reason was and imposed a fine of \$25. of the report and accounts as Conferences are more or less on that the bodies at that time been one of considerable difficulty Mr. D. Macdonald:—Gentle- golden book of St. Ignating de decay. Two Tung Wah Hospital will be given in St. John's and anxiety; under the cir. men,—In rising to second the Loyola, the founder of the undertakers were allowed in. Cathedral on Friday next at 9.15

> shareholders, I am sure, will be Empire and the ideals for which we are fighting .- (Applause). Gentlemen, with these remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman:-The resolution for the adoption of the report and socounts has been proposed myself and seconded by Mr. Macdonald, and is now before the the re-election of retiring

-I beg to propose the re-election of Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. J H. Wallace to the Board c

Mr. Clarke: - I beg to second

The Chairman :- The election of myself and Mr. J. H. Wallace as directors has been proposed by Mr. Danbar and seconded by Mr. down to the ground with trabind goods is being made, and Clark. Those in favour please Mr. Wakeman and Mr. Lene. He will be on view at Headquarters is the confirmation of the appointment of the Hon. Mr. D. Landale. Mr. A. O. Lang :- I beg to pro-

on account of com- hearted support of the share- Mr. P. O. Potts :- I beg to

RACECOURSE DISASTER.

The Question of identifying Bodles.

The enquiry into the sad catas. trophe which occurred at the Racecourse, Happy Valley, February 26, was continued at the Police Court this morning, being conducted by Mr. J. B.

came up about moving it and here before. he suggested it should be moved

formed by some one that Messra. Brown, Jones and Co. had been asked to attend to the C. Jenkin, C. B. E., state: body and would be there soon. He therefore allowed the body to remain where it was. In ments, for Squad Drill at Central the meantime the Tung Wah and Station at 5,30 p.m. on Wednesother undertakers were putting day, March 27. Uniform, caps bodies into their coffins as scon with covers. Jones and Oo arrived with the between taken away by the Tong Wah Officers for same. Mr. Dunbar:-Mr. Chairman, Caroline cemetery. He made All members of No. 1 Section. an effort to locate the body, but and all men warned for duty as without success. He must express Search Supervisors from No. 1 regret for what happened. By Platoon and No. 3 Company, etc. 6 o'clock all the bodies had and all members recently attachbeen removed and the ground ed from H.K. Defence Corps, will was cleared up. The attend in uniform at Headquarters property found there was taken Club on Thursday, March 28, at to the Central Police Station to 5,30 p.m. sharp.

the Golf Ciab enclosure. The stand pipe was put into the hydrant. The hose was put pose that the meeting confirm Club, the most convenient point for dealing with any point tions escape many minor ills shat of the matcheds. Enough hose make life miserable for others: was laid out to pass it over the Don't you envy the friend who Far East, appliance, and further, I in the world's tonnage since the to the Board of Directors. railings of the Gelf Club does not know what a basdache so that it could be just is, whose digestion is perfect, and mands for means of transport has tion of the appointment of the matcheds where fire was sup made an earnest effort to streng-malitary requirements. these Hon. Mr. D. Landale to the Board, posed to have occurred. It then your constitution, to build up your system, to wait off disease Exchange during the past three ly than ever before the proposed by Mr. Langand second before water was passing through, and discomfort? took them 2 min. 19.1/5 sees. your system, to waid off disease On this occasion they had what Not everyone can expect perhe considered a normal pressure fect health, but unless you have

pressure was thirty lbs.

A Canton Decision.

DAY BY DAY.

Kallan Output. The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration a mines for the week ending March 9 amounted to 70,001 tone and the sales during the period to 85,235

Spotted Fever. During the twenty-four hours ended March 23, there were meventeen cases of spotted fever notified, with seven deaths. All were Chinese save one non-fatal Portuguese care.

Billiards. The second of the semi finals in connection with the Billiard By the Coroner:-It would Wong won by 600 to 560, thus

Too Much Opium. worked together. He was re the e.s. Namboi was charged A Chinese employee on board. sponsible for the order that before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the persons should be admitted to Police Court this morning, with Since last Wednesday the the enclosure at 7 s.m. attempting to export one tack of

> before 11 Scott, Mrs. Muriel, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. a.m. When a body was Johnstone, Hon. Mr. Cland identified a relative stood by the Severn, Mr. H. E. Muriel, Mr. H. body. No relative remained with J. E. Jones and others. The the body of Mr. Ah Wee. No-one numbers chosen are principally was in charge of it. The matter those which have not been given

to a special place. He was in- POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to day by Mr. F.

Bugiers and Drummers. Will parade, without instru-

Summer Uniform. Men who have not yet been and passed for summer uniform must 5 but the body could not be at once make written application found. He believed the body was to their respective Equipment

MAKE YOURSELF STRONGER.

People with strong constitu-

for a 3-inch hydrant. This an organic disease, it is generally was under favourable conditions. possible to improve your physical With no flow but leakage the condition by attention to the rales of health, the first of which is to

Mr. Messer was continuing his evidence at the time we went to pale people contain just the slements needed to build up the blood, and restore vitality ound the lost colour of health, As. Our Canton correspondent these pills are taken x sou now each deposits as have been made developments in the yard so as to for the sugging year at a few of the request system with the enriched blood.

chuen Road, Shapeler

(From Our Own Correspondent). Shanghai, March 23. Three plague suspects died in Peking yesterday in on bouse. The givestion at Noking is

serious. The Istarra ional, French and Chinese authorities in Shanghai are taking all possible steps to the situation. Inlation centres have been prepared and quantities of masks manu sctured.

HE SILVER MARKET.

[R a'er'e Telegram]

London, March 21. Mesare. Samuel, Montagu and Co., in their silver report, state that the announcement from Washington, cabled on the 19th instant, is the most important event in the silver murket re-If the Bill then men tioned becomes law, which seems more than likely, the eff of will establish the price at a somewhat higher level than for some time past, while eventually the price will settle down and re main "pegged" at about 461, an ounce, standard, plus charge: which are variable but which at present are about sevan per cent. The rise of three-halfpence during the week brings the price a little nexist American parity, and prob bly the neward movement wil. continue.

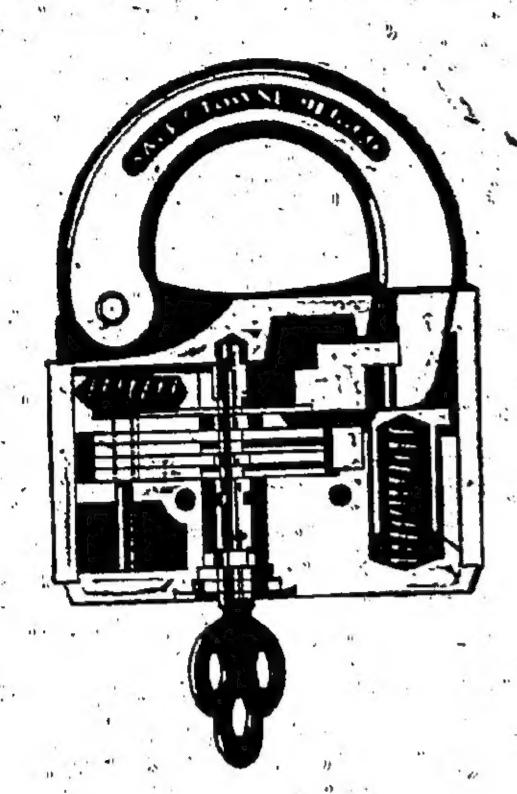
The trade demand is heavy, owing to the anxiety of manufactorers to accure as much as possible before the American scheme has full effect. The rising tendency is further accentuated by the reduced offerings. The Indian Bilver holding hasagsin dec:es.ed.

London, March 22 Bilver is quoted at 441d. Torre is a good trade demand and a ecarcity of offeringe.

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SOLE AGENTS



YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

London, March 22.

The Daily Mail says the Premier was greatly moved by the news from the Front. He addressed the miners' delegates on ed positions near Croisilles and northwards against repeated attacks. the sufject of combing-out in most emphasic terms. His references The 51st Division made a most gallant fight near the Bapaumoto the military situation and his insistence that the minere' vote, if acted upon, would mean the installing of Bolebeviern in Great Britain, kad an almost staggering effect on the delegates.

London, March 22. ing to-day, says it can safely be said that the British Armies view are arriving. Further very severe fighting is anticipated. with calm confidence the result of the splendid defensive which they have thus far opposed to the Hun hordes. While it is imposs-

barrages preceded the initial local attacks, which were mainly stations on the battlefront. repulsed. Then the enemy, between half past eight and ten o'clock There has been much a'r fighting. We brought down sixtoen, in the morning, launched - whole series of attack, sarride the Canal drove down six and shot down one enemy machine. Three of du Nord, throwing in three successive waver, one following another ours are missing. Our nightflers dropped three and a half tone of closely, supported by massed formations of storm treops. By mid. bombs on Bruges dockyards and three and a half tone on billets at day this great effort was spent, having forced our line to withdraw Tournai. All our machines returned. in several places.

At five o'clock, fresh troops attacked again heavily in north-westerly direction from Fontsine le C oisilles, but this attempt was held up by a withering machine-gon lies. The Germans having established themselves at Doignies, which is a position of tactical advantago, we counter-attacked at reven o'clock in the evening with infantry and tacks and drove them out again. Heavy ground mists considerably handicapped serial work, but the neather this far has been distinctly in our lavour.

The enemy in employing his best Divisions, including at least two Divisions of Guarde." It is rumoured that Austrian hatteries are supporting, but so far they have not been identified. Early to day the enemy was heavily shelling the region of Senin, near Arras, and he is still pushing forward large masses of reinforcing troop?.

London, February 22

A German (fficial wireless message states: - A strong stillery duel has continued on the Belgian and French fronts in Flanders. Reconnoiting detachments penetrated frequently the enemy lines.

We attacked English positions to the south-east of Arras as far as La Fere. Our infantry stormed in broad sectors and everywhere captured the first lines. The firing duel has increased in intensity on both sides at Rheime and in Champagne. Prisoners have been brought in from many sectors. We continued the destruction of infantry positions and batteries before Vergun.

Later. A Grmsu 'effisiel wireless message states :- Yesterday's successes between Arras and La Fere have been extended. Six'een thousand prisoners and two hundred guns are so far reported.

Loudon, Merch 23. Field Mar-hal Sir Douglas Haig reports -The enemy this morning renewed his attacks in great strength slong practically the whole bettlefront. Fierce fighting in our battle positions is still continuing.

The enemy progressed at certain points, elsewhere, our counter-attacks threw him back. Our losses are in vitably considerable, but not out of proportion to the battle's magnitude. Reports from all parts show that the enemy's losses continue to be very heavy. His advance has everywhere been made at great gacrifice.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

Our troops are fighting with the greatest gallantry. Exceptional gallantry has been shown by the 24th Division, in the protected Cambrai road against repeated attacks.

Identifications obtained show that the opening attack was delivered by forty German Divisions, supported by a great number of German artillery, supported by Austrian batteries. Many other Renter's correspondent at the British Hearquarters, telegraph. German Divisions have since participated in the fighting and others

London, March 23. Field Marshal Sir Drugles Heig, reporting on aviation, says: ible to predict what the future holds, it seems pretty certain that -Owing to the mist and light being only suitable for low flying, the yesterday's attack forms part of a great German (finnive. They are enemy's attacking troops and reinforcements on the battlefront "allout." They paid a colossal price yesterday for their small gains, offered excellent targets. Our pilots poured thousands of rounds The battle is too big to be visualised as a whole. Nineteen into them, causing innumerable casualties. Our hombers also enemy Divisions were identified in yesterday's fighting. Intense stracked troops, dropping over 900 bombs on troops at railway

London, March 22. A French communique states :- We repulsed strong enemy coups de mains to the south of Javincourt, in the sector of Godat, north of Courcy, and north of the Aisne. At the two last points enemy detachments were driven out of advenced elements after a lively fight, in which the enemy suffered appreciable losees. An enemy attempt west of Mont Cornillot also fulled. There is fairly lively artillery fire in the region of Mon's and at some points on the right of the Meuse in Woevre.

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YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 9.)

GERMAN CABUALTIES IN AN EXPLOSION.

London, Merch 22. A meseage from Ameteri'am s'a'es that thirty German soldiera were killed and ever a handred it jured by the explosion of five hand red munition waggons at the tailway station at Mevringies, pest Mons.

CAUCASIAN-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

London, March 22. Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd eays the courparlers between the Caucasian Diet and the Ottoman High Command regarding a separate prace have broken off, sa the Turkish demands 372 Enacteptable:

RUSSIAN, AFFAIRS.

London, March 22. Reuter's correspondent at Petroprad says the Germans have occupied the town of Ochakiff, forty miles rout -eset of Oderes. London, March 22.

Renter's correspondent at Amsterdam says the Reichstag has approved the R sesian Pesca Treasies.

THE RUMANIAN ARMISTICE.

London, Murch 22. The Austrian Headquarters state that the armistics with Ramania has been furthemextended by seventy-two hours.

BYE-ELECTION RESULT.

London, Marca 22. Mr. R. Stoker (Conservative) has been returned unopposed for

South Manches er.

THE ZUIDER ZEE.

London, March 22. Renter's correspondent at the Pague says the Second Chamber has nosnimonely ressed a Bill providing for the drainage of the Zuider Zee.

DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTION.

London, Merch 21.

Arregards the statement of the Dutch Foreign Minister on Tuesday, that the proposed action of the Allies in respect of Datch shipping would render Dutch Colonial navigation impossible, Rauter is informed that this is by no means the case, and such an apprehension is quite unfounded. There is no intention of taking any action that would make Datch Colonial trade impossible:

London, March 22. Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that in the Reichstag, Herr Von Dembuseche, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made a coundential statement be to the Government's intentions regarding the Datch shipping question. London, March 22.

Rental a correspondent at Washington says thirty-eight Dutch vessels in American porte have beed se and, the Captainain exch case remely making a formal protect.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

London, March 22. The German Press speaks of the present bettle as an iffirt to reach a final decision with England. For example, the Conservative Taeglieche Rundschau esya .- "A single combat between England and Germany to decide whether the Auglo Saxons will continue to ress their will upon the world has begun.

London, March 22.

The remi-offinal News Freis Presse contains a most significant idmission that the Austrians are defending Strasaburg against a possible Franch, move against that place. O.her statemen's in the Austrian Press confirm that Austrian artillery has been massed on

the rastern French front. German newspapers also report the arrival of Bulgarians on that Western Front.

London, March 22.

The Kaiser, Marshal Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff have strived in the battle area. London, March 22.

Mr. Asquith, in a speech at a National Liberal Federation meeting at Derby, referring to the German offensive, declared that the skill of our Generals and the indomitable tenscity of corsoldiers would more than hold their own. The people of Britain were prepared for any excrifices to make the cause of freedom victorious. London, March 23.

A French communique states: Artillery was active early to-day and more violent in the afternoon, particularly north of Chemin des Dames, in the region of Courcy, at Popelle in Champagne and scath of Moronvillers. Three enemy coups-de-main porth of Sousin and east of Teton were without result.

Londov, March 23. Mr. Percival Phillips, writing from France, says:—The hardest fighting is on our flanks. The enemy's north wing has taken a line to which we retired on Thursday, namely, some hundreds of yards east of the villages of Vaux, Vraucourt, Marchies and Beaumetz. This makes the enemy's indentation vary roughly from about 2,200 yards at the greatest point, in the neighbourhood of Croisilles, to 500 or 600 yards at the lower end.

We retired east of Doignies, where we occupied the Hindenburg system in November, to what was generally our old front line before that advance, except that we retain Havrincourt. The situation to the west of the Schelde Canal, between Goussancourt and St. Quentio, is not clear, but the enemy undoubtedly is in some villages behind our former front line. Everywhere he is shelling back areas with increasing intensity. His intention obviously is to keep throwing in fresh Divisions and to continue the terrific blows incessantly.

Loudon, March 23. Mr. Philip Gibbe, writing from France, eags: -Our troops were heavily engaged on our right to-day near St. Quentin. We were much outnumbered. Nine German Divisions were hurled against three of ours at one point and eight against two at another.

A soldier described the enemy's advance as being "like bees out of a hive; the more one shot, the more seemed to come." It was a return to the old German methods at Mons, Le Osteau and Verdon. The only surprise is that the enemy has introduced no novelty in the attack-no tanks and no special gas. The enemy relied, se of old, on a ruthless sacrifice of life in the hope of overwhelming the defence by theer weight of numbers, and on gur-power. There were a thousand guns opposite three British Divisions." Nothing hitherto has been experienced by the British like the length and width of the barrage laid down on our defences. It began at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and continued all day long without pause, except when it jumped forward to let the infantry attack and the gans to advance simultaneously. Heavy gans were concentrated on our rear as far back as twenty-eight miles behind

our lines. It was during the lest hour of the bombardment that the enemy poured out gas-shells and continued to gas our batteries in the reserve trenches all day long, filling the atmosphere with poisonous clouds, but this weapon was unsuccessful. The British had been trained for weeks past and fought yesterday marks, "in some cases for eight hours. The box respirators proved most effective. There were only six cases of gassing at one of the largest escualty clearing stations this merning. number of tanks brilliantly counter-attacked on Thursday evening

and recaptured some of the ground near Doignies. The epirit of our men remains megnificent. The troops I eaw to-day going to battle, the bands playing, were chatting and smiling with calm confidence.

London, March 23.

Mr. Perry Robinson, writing from France, says: - The fighting on Friday was generally slong our reserve line. That the Germans would break some sections of our front was anticipated. Bo far, we are estisfied with the situation. Despite a terrible hammering, the British front line fought magnificently and completely held the strack on a large part of the line. This was particularly true "about Losveral Chateau, near Boursies, where German masses were obliterated by michina-guns, while eastward by Flerquieres the enemy attack was a total failure, the whole of our line remaining intact at nightfull, but we withdrew in the darkness in order to conform to the line on the left, where the enormons weight of the attack broke the front line. But over the whole front of attack our line, if withdrawn, holds absolutely firm. There is not the smallest sign yet of any break-through into open waifire. The forces which the enemy has so far encountered have been comparatively light, and his losses have vastly exceeded ours. London, March 23.

Mr. Hamilton Fyfe, writing from France, says: - The outstanding characteristic of the fighting so far is that we did so well under the terrific impact. Apart from unprecedented artillery fire, the enemy's trench mortars discharged such an overwhelming weight of projectiles that wire ceased to be an obstacle on most parts of the front, and tranches were destroyed, though not everywhere, as the enemy's wire-cutters found when mowed down by our michine-guns.

Mr. Fyfe, describing the gassing of British batteries, says this is the first battle in which the gunners had to work continuously wearing masks. He says that when the British at one point counterattacked at nine o'clock on Thursday marning, they bombed the enemy in the trenches he had captured and then drove him with

the bayonet through the British barrage. Mr. Fyle found the men yesterday morning taost confident. He says the enemy's gen of the Bullecourt salient is absolutely unimportant. The enemy generally has now attacked chosen defence positions, and the task of the British has become proportionately

THE MINERS' COMB-OUT.

London, March 22. Despite the result of the ballot, the Executive of the Minera Federation has advised the acceptance of the Government's comb out

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS

London, Match 22. The House of Commons has adjourned smill April 9.

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THE THIRTY SEVENTH OR. L. DINARY ANNUAL MEET ING-of Shazeholders will be held at the Offices of the General Manager at NOON on WEDNES. DAY the 27th instant to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1917 and the report of the General Managers.

The Trans'er Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th instant both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

General Managers. Hongkong, 7th March, 1918.

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